



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0050-16

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Marc ALIZON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648
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Appln. No.: 09/988,213) Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.
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Filed: November 19, 2001) Confirmation No.: 8195
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING THE) **Mail Stop AF**
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS)
TYPE 2 (HIV-2) POL GENE AND A)
METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)
POLYPEPTIDE ENCODED BY THE)
NUCLEIC ACIDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office
action of June 15, 2005. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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